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NOTIFICATION

The 2nd August, 2019

No. 8046–L.A.— The following Bill which has been introduced in the Odisha Legislative Assembly on the 2nd August, 2019 is here with published under Rule-68 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Odisha Legislative Assembly for general information:—

THE ODISHA STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019

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BILL

TO AMEND THE ODISHA STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY ACT, 2014

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Odisha in the
Seventieth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

Short title. 1. This Act may be called the Odisha State Open University
(Amendment) Act, 2019.

Amendment
of section 5.

2. In the Odisha State Open University Act, 2014, in sub-
section (1) of section 5, in clause (xvii), the words "and shall not be
entitled to any grant whatsoever from the Government towards that
salary, remuneration, fees or honorarium cost" shall be omitted.

Odisha Act
5 of 2015.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Odisha state Open University was established by State Open University Act, 2014 (Odisha Act 5 of 2015) with the objective for introduction and promotion of Open University and Distance Education System in the State.

2. Section 5(1) (xvii) of the said Act provides that the University shall have the power to create administrative, ministerial and other posts as the University may deem necessary from time to time and to make appointments thereto, subject to condition that the University shall bear the salary cost of officers both teaching and non-teaching and other staff so appointed or engaged out of its own fund and shall not be entitled to any grant whatsoever from the Government towards that salary, remuneration, fees or honorarium cost.

3. At the initial stage the University not being be able to generate its own revenue to meet the salary cost of its employees has to depend on the financial support from the State Government till it becomes financially self-sufficient.

4. In order to make the University functional and to carry forward the noble objective of the University, it is proposed to provide Assistance to the University by the State Government.

5. In the Odisha State Open University Act, 2014, in sub-section(1) of section 5, in clause (xvii), the words “and shall not be entitled to any grant whatsoever from the Government towards that salary, remuneration, fees or honorarium cost” shall be omitted.

6. With the above amendment, the University will be able to carry forward the objective for which it was established and with the help of financial Assistance from the Govt. will be able to meet the salary cost of Officers (both Teaching and Non-teaching) to be engaged by the University initially. With the increase of the financial stability of the University, more need based post may be created and expenditure on this score shall be borne by the University from its own sources.

The Bill seeks to achieve the above objectives.

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